## **WASHINGTON PARISH**

Washington Parish was mostly affected by high wind; both residential housing and the timber industry suffered extensive wind damage. The parish also experienced an influx of evacuees from other areas. While parish residents show a preference for safety, they are also focused on economic development and infrastructure improvements.

## WHEN WILL WE RETURN?

Safer than before 51%

43% Same level of safety as before

Move back now

WE TREASURE...

Washington Parish Fairgrounds.

...our parks and natural treasures such as Cassidy Park, the Bogue Chitto River and the



Approximately 7,430 Washington Parish families reported damages to their homes due to Hurricane Katrina, Timber losses in the parish are estimated at \$147 million, affecting both jobs, availablity and individual land owners.

## **PARISH TOP PRIORITIES:**

- **#1** Attract new businesses to the area
- Make highway and street improvements
- Improve the schools
- Provide better community & social services

## WE STRONGLY AGREE

99% We should rebuild in low-risk areas first

97% Changing our parish plans is an option if it makes our region stronger

96% Public buildings should not be rebuilt in high-risk areas

**79%** Zoning and land use plans should be used to guide rebuilding

**71%** It is not essential that residents be allowed to return to their original home sites

**62%** Some areas are too risky to rebuild





